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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM: TALKING POINTS
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TO CONSULT WITH KEY AFRICAN LEADERS ON THE
SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR QUESTION ON HIS ARRIVAL IN
LAGOS AUGUST 21.

2. FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR
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-- GIVEN SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTINUED NON-ADHERENCE TO THE NON-
PROLIFERATION TREATY AND THE FACT THAT ITS PILOT URANIUM
ENRICHMENT PLANT IS NOT UNDER INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS,
WE VIEW WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN RECENT ALLEGATIONS THAT
SOUTH AFRICA MAY BE ACQUIRING A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABIL-
ITY.

--PREVENTING SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS ONE OF
RESIDENT CARTER'S TOP PRIORITIES AND SHOULD
SOUTH AFRICA GO NUCLEAR THIS WOULD BE GRAVE BLOW
TO OUR NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS.

--SOUTH AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT OF ANY KIND
OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE WOULD ALSO HAVE PROFOUND
CONSEQUENCES FOR PEACE AND SECURITY OF AFRICAN
CONTINENT.

--AS A FIRST STEP WE ARE ENGAGED IN URGENT
DISCUSSIONS WITH SAF IN HOPES OF OBTAINING
ACCEPTABLE ASSURANCES THAT THEY ARE NOT DEVELOPING
AND WILL NOT DEVELOP OR TEST NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES.
WE DO NOT YET HAVE A DEFINITIVE SOUTH AFRICAN
RESPONSE, BUT WE EXPECT ONE SHORTLY.

--OF COURSE WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR SOUTH AFRICAN
ACTIVITY. IF WE LEARN THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS VIOLATING ITS
ASSURANCES, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE FAR-REACHING
STEPS UNILATERALLY AND IN CONCERT WITH OTHERS.

--PENDING THE OUTCOME OF OUR DISCUSSION WITH
SOUTH AFRICA (AND WE EXPECT THAT OUTCOME WITHIN
THE NEXT FEW DAYS) WE ASK THAT NO DRASTIC ACTION
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-- FOLLOWING THE RESULTS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH
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